

Solid Medical Waste Disposal Procedures

SHARPS CONTAINER	BIOHAZARD CONTAINER	PATHOLOGICAL CONTAINER	TRASH CONTAINER (Blue Lined)	CARDBOARD BOX CONTAINER
<p>Uncontaminated¹ or Contaminated only with biohazardous waste²:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needles • Needles w/syringes • Needles w/attached tubing • Blades (razors, scalpels, etc.) <p>Contaminated only with biohazardous waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broken glass • Pasteur pipettes • Other glass pipettes • Microscope slides • Other contaminated sharps items 	<p>Uncontaminated or Contaminated only with biohazardous waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic syringes w/out needles <p>Contaminated only with biohazardous waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anything contaminated with biohazardous waste that does not go into a sharps container or a pathology container 	<p>Uncontaminated or Contaminated only with biohazardous waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal carcasses • Large tissue specimens • Other recognizable human or animal body parts and tissues 	<p>Uncontaminated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic pipettes • Pipette tips • Culture dishes • Plastic centrifuge tubes • Eppendorf tubes • Disposable gloves (not in an RMA) • Wipes • Surgical drapes • Reagent bottles (intact) • Other uncontaminated nonglass items 	<p>Uncontaminated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broken glass • Pasteur pipettes • Other glass pipettes • Microscope slides • Glass vials • Vacutainers • Other uncontaminated glass items
<p>Disposal:</p> <p>Close the Sharps container when 2/3 full. Dispose in either a biohazard container or a gray BFI³ biohazard pickup container. Both containers need red biohazard bags before depositing sharps container. Fill out Medical Waste Accumulation Log.</p>	<p>Disposal:</p> <p>Close the red biohazard bag. Keep the bag secondarily contained during transport. Dispose bag into a gray BFI biohazard pickup container. Fill out Medical Waste Accumulation Log. Transfer all biohazardous waste to the pickup site no later than Wednesday morning.</p>	<p>Disposal:</p> <p>Close the red biohazard bag. Keep the bag in a red BFI Pathological Waste container (or freezer until pickup time). Fill out Medical Waste Accumulation Log. Transfer all pathological waste to the pickup site no later than Wednesday morning.</p>	<p>Disposal:</p> <p>The janitors will dispose.</p>	<p>Disposal:</p> <p>Seal box closed and label "Broken Glass". Set out for janitorial pickup.</p>

¹ Uncontaminated means there is no biohazardous, chemical or radioactive contamination.

² Biohazardous waste includes the following: primary human cell lines and tissue cultures; organisms with recombinant DNA; cultures and stocks of infectious agents; potentially infectious bacteria, viruses, and spores; toxins; live and attenuated vaccines; blood and blood products. If your biohazardous waste is also contaminated with chemical and/or radioactive materials, do not dispose as medical waste. Call EH&S Waste Management Group (ext. 7663) for guidance.

Biohazardous Waste, Pathological Waste, and Full Sharps Containers can not accumulate onsite for more than 7 days above 32F.

IF YOU ARE UNSURE HOW TO DISPOSE OF MEDICAL WASTE,

CONTACT EH&S WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP EXT. 7663